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Legislative Update

BREAKING NEWS FROM SENATOR GARCIA'S OFFICE
A Legislative Bulletin for Residents of the 22nd District

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BILL OF THE WEEK!

SB 195: Labor Camp Licensure

SB 195, sponsored by Sen. Garcia, requires that agricultural labor camps must operate with the appropriate licensure.

Michigan's vibrant agricultural industry attracts migratory labor between the spring and fall months. During that time, migrant laborers reside on or near the farms in which they are working in homes owned by their employer. These homes are regulated by the Department of Agriculture, however, when violations were documented, the state did not have the ability to independently prosecute negligent facility owners due to a lack of resources.

SB 195 provides the Department with a tool to better manage poor conditions by implementing a fine of \$1,000 per day for operating a labor camp without the appropriate license, therefore forcing camp operators to obtain the appropriate permits.

The legislation is expected to be signed by the Governor next week.

Numerous bills were introduced this week!

Should you wish to learn more about the proposed legislation, please visit www.michiganlegislature.org and enter the bill number where indicated. The web-site will provide you with the bill's language as introduced and an analysis describing how the bill will affect area industry, the economy and consumers.

Senator Garcia is eager to learn how you feel about proposed legislation. He welcomes your responses via e-mail at senvgarcia@senate.michigan.gov.

Veterans Job Fair & Business Expo being held July 14!!

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the VFW
National Home for Children

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